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Journal of the Society of Arts.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1868.

Announcements by the Council.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventeenth Annual Conference between the Council of the Society and the Representatives of the Institutions in Union and Local Boards will be held on Friday, the 19th June, at Twelve o'clock, noon. WILLIAM HAWES, Esq., F.G.S., Chairman of the Council, will preside.

The Council will lay before the Conference the Secretary's Report of the Proceedings of the Union for the past year, and the results of the Examinations; and the Programme of Examinations for 1869 will also be considered by the Conference.

The following suggestions of subjects for discussion have been received from various quarters, it being understood that in putting them forward the Council express no opinion whatever upon them:—

1. How can the Institutions best aid in the advancement of technical education?

2. Would it be desirable for the Society of Arts to promote the issue of a series of text-books in relation to technical education, especially suitable for working men?

3. How far can the Society and the Institutions co-operate with the Department of Science and Art, in carrying out the objects of Mr. Whitworth's munificent endowment?

4. What further efforts can be made by the Society of Arts to obtain the co-operation of other societies, and of the great public companies, in its educational movement?

5. How far is it possible to unite in one system, or to establish any connexion between the various systems of examination which are now available for the working-classes in different parts of the United Kingdom?

6. How can the Society aid in promoting visits of working men to various foreign centres of industry?

7. How far would it be desirable for working men to take their holidays all at once rather than piecemeal?

8. What arrangements would enable the working-classes to make more extended use of the public museums and galleries which may be available for their instruction and amusement?

9. Under what arrangements could collections of useful and interesting objects of art and nature be sent to country institutions, in circulation from the metropolitan national museums?

Secretaries of Institutions and Local Boards are requested to send, *immediately*, the names of the Representatives appointed to attend the Conference, and early notice should be given of any other subjects which Institutions or Local Boards may desire their Representatives to introduce to the notice of the Conference.

Secretaries of Institutions are requested to forward *at once* by book post, copies of the last Annual Reports of their Institutions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual General Meeting, for the purpose of receiving the Council's report and the Treasurers' statement of receipts, payments, and expenditure during the past year, and also for the election of officers, will be held, in accordance with the Bye-laws, on Wednesday, the 24th of June, at four o'clock p.m.

The Council hereby convene a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Society to ballot for members, such meeting to take place at the close of the Annual General Meeting.

By order,

P. LE NEVE FOSTER, *Secretary*.

Society's House, Adelphi, June 11th, 1868.

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